

SIX PAGES FILLED WITH THE BEST NEWS--ONE CENT.

EXTRA.

SAGE ON THE STAND.

The Millionaire a Witness at the Inquest on Norcross.

He Didn't Believe the Bomb-Thrower Had Any Dynamite.

Denies He Used Laidlaw as a Shield--The Verdict.

Coroner Messner began this morning an inquiry into the cause of the death of Henry L. Norcross, the man who threw a dynamite bomb in Russell Sage's office on Dec. 4 last, and who was one of the victims of his own mad act.

A jury of well-known business men, headed by Milton Henry Cleva, had been summoned to be present in the Coroner's office at 10 o'clock. The twelve men were on time, but at 10:45 o'clock Coroner Messner did not make his appearance, and the jurors waited indignantly.

Messenger Leiman said the Coroner was waiting for his stenographer. The jurors said they had often heard complaints about laxity and neglect in the Coroner's office. Now they were convinced that there was ground for these complaints. These are the jurors:

Henry Cleva, of 15 Broad street; Solomon Turk, of 29 Murray street; Fred W. Pink, of 120 Wall street; George Leask, of 45 Wall street; Alfred E. Harding, of 45 Cedar street; Harry H. Norton, of 55 Broadway; S. Franklin Stanton, of 72 Broadway; John McKesson, of 63 Fulton street; Charles E. Fisk, of 28 Nassau street; Harvey S. Browne, of 50 Liberty street; John H. Miller, of 60 Broadway; and Peter J. Kahler, of 815 Broadway.

The head of the dynamite, in plaster cast, was on Coroner Messner's desk, and the jury studied that until Coroner Messner appeared and began the proceedings.

The recital of the tragic tale began with Frank Robertson, who was in Sage's office when the dynamite bomb was hurled at the broker.

A piece of the missile struck his right eye and destroyed the sight of that organ. The auto-motor statement which he made in the hospital when he believed he was dying was read to him.

He said it was a correct account of what he saw. He was asked whether the plaster cast was a good likeness of Norcross, and replied: "Very good."

Col. J. Slocum, Russell Sage's brother-in-law, was the second witness.

"I was in the next room," said he, "and heard Mr. Sage talking in a low voice to Norcross. When the explosion occurred I thought the steam pipes had burst, and that the building was coming down."

"Did you see the man who threw the bomb?" asked Judge Henry Cleva.

"I felt, but I couldn't remember his features now. I was much excited at the time."

Saml. Calhoun, who had charge of the telephone department in Broker Washington E. Corcoran's office in the same building, gave another testimony, and then came the principal eyewitness, William H. Laidlaw, who called eye-witnesses.

CLAIMS SAGE KNEW HIM AS A SHIELD. Laidlaw is the man who claims that Mr. Sage used him as a shield to save himself from injury when the explosive was dashed to the floor by Norcross.

In consequence of this alleged action on Mr. Sage's part, he received injuries he says, which have made him lame for life, and he intends to sue the broker for \$100,000 damages.

"I called on Mr. Sage on business," he testified. "When I went into his office he greeted me warmly, saying a reception from Mr. Sage surprised me. I had been waiting for some time, and he had been waiting for me. He said he was waiting for me."

"At the hospital I was told that I had three or four wounds. Parts of the explosive were still in my body."

Laidlaw described his tattered coat. To give the jury an idea of the force of the explosion Mr. Laidlaw exhibited the coat he wore on that occasion.

It was perforated as if it had been riddled by bullets, and the shirt was in tatters.

"You told me at the hospital that Mr. Sage used you as a shield," said the Coroner.

"If I did, and I still say so," replied the witness.

A BLIZZARD IN THE STATE.

Playing Mischief with Northern New York Railway Schedules.

Watertown, Oswego, Utica and the Mohawk Valley in the Storm.

By Associated Press. WATERTOWN, March 11.—Blizzard weather prevails throughout Northern New York, though unaccompanied by any serious hardship. Since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon about two feet of snow has fallen and a high wind has made immense drifts, which in some cases on the highways and railroads, are impassable.

The thermometer at 9 A. M. registered at about 17, a fall of 24 degrees since the storm began. The barometer is rising.

The city schools are but slightly attended, and in the country districts many are closed. The lumbering and sugar-making districts have been interrupted.

Oswego, March 11.—The blizzard has complete possession of this town. All railroads are blocked. There are no mills and vines are down. No trains have been run in or out of Oswego today.

Railroad cuts are filled to the top. There are drifts in the principal streets ten feet deep. Nearly all business has stopped. It is the worst storm in years.

Utica, March 11.—The passenger traffic on the New York Central is practically suspended. A five-stock train is stalled in Syracuse and has blocked all east-bound trains for several hours.

The west-bound trains are all late and are struggling along with great difficulty on account of the snow.

The blockade at Syracuse is the more serious, because the blizzard storm into the tracks while the trains are at a standstill.

Syracuse, March 11.—A severe blizzard has raged here since yesterday afternoon. The snow has drifted above the roofs of the buildings, and the wind is coming from the northwest at a sixty-mile-an-hour pace. Business is almost at a standstill.

The electric lines have not been operated today.

Mohawk Valley Blizzard. By Associated Press. Utica, March 11.—The blizzard is now raging in the Mohawk Valley. The wind is furious and at times the snow is blinding.

On the country roads the snow has drifted to a depth of several feet.

As the snow covers the growing crops, the storm is growing more hourly.

Auburn Falls the Blizzard. By Associated Press. Auburn, March 11.—This city was not slightly by the blizzard. Heavy fall of snow and high winds have prevailed since early last evening. Only one New York Central train has passed through on the Auburn road.

A five-stock train is stalled at Auburn, and a relief train has been sent to the rescue.

Illinois Wheat Damaged. By Associated Press. Chicago, March 11.—Reports from various cities and towns throughout Illinois are to the effect that winter wheat has been greatly damaged by the recent blizzard.

The damage is especially heavy in the northern part of the State.

Acres of Kansas Wheat Ruined. By Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., March 11.—Reports are coming in of great damage to winter wheat by the recent blizzard. Some of the reports say thousands of acres are blackened and killed.

Especially is the injury noticed on the bottom lands.

Fears for Peach Buds. By Associated Press. BOSTON, March 11.—Fears are entertained that yesterday's blizzard has seriously damaged the peach buds.

The buds are now in the early stage of development, and the frost has done much damage.

COLD WAVE CAME ON TIME. A Gale of Sixty Miles an Hour Blowing at Block Island.

The cold wave predicted yesterday by Local Forecaster John MacFarland, which morning, began to grow cold early last evening, and before day light there had been a drop in temperature of 31 degrees, as compared with the highest temperature of the past twenty-four hours.

The lowest point reached in this vicinity was 21 degrees, and at 8 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 23. During the morning the weather moderated a little, but the mercury up to noon did not get above freezing point.

The cold wave was accompanied by a shortening of the day, which was a sign of a storm.

At Block Island this morning the gale was blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and the sea was running high. The wind was blowing from the north, and the sea was running high.

WILL BE A CARDINAL. 300 MINERS BURIED.

Positive News of Archbishop Ireland's Coming Elevation. Probably Appalling Loss of Life in a Belgian Colliery.

The Red Hat to Be Conferred the Last of This Month.

St. Paul's Illustrious Prelate High in the Papal Favor.

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, March 11.—Rev. Father Heffern, who has charge of Catholic affairs during the absence in Rome of Archbishop Ireland, has at last received definite advice from the Holy See that the Archbishop is to be made the second cardinal of the United States.

The ceremony of conferring the Red Hat will occur in Rome during the latter part of this month.

By Associated Press. BRUSSELS, March 11.—An accident occurred today in a colliery near Charleroi which it is feared will result in a great loss of life.

Two hundred miners were employed in the colliery when there was a terrific explosion of fire-damp.

The pit mouth was rendered unavailable, and up to the present the fate of the imprisoned workmen is unknown.

Efforts are being made to rescue any of the men who may have survived the explosion.

Later.—The explosion was at Anderlecht. A later despatch states that the number of men at work in the pit was 300 instead of 200.

Tremendous excitement prevails in the vicinity of the pit. Men, women and children have assembled in an enormous crowd and are wild with fear, for it is thought that when an entrance is made to the colliery the loss of life will be appalling.

Of the three hundred men at work only three have thus far arrived at the mouth of the pit in safety. The effect of the explosion was terrific.

The ventilator and machinery at the mouth of the pit were shattered.

The destruction of the ventilator adds an element of great danger to the situation, as the men, if any, who survived the shock of the explosion are apt to meet their death from the choke-damp.

Volunteers are plenty, and almost superhuman efforts are being made to clear the shaft.

It is feared that of the men in the mine 200 of them have been killed.

Forty men escaped by means of a second shaft, and sixteen others were taken out terribly, and it is believed, fatally injured.

Member of Parliament Gets Five Years for "Misappropriation." By Associated Press. LONDON, March 11.—At the Old Bailey today a sentence was passed that will without doubt result in another expulsion from the House of Commons, making the third member of the present Parliament to be ignominiously expelled.

The first was Capt. Verney, who was expelled upon his conviction for procuring a girl for immoral purposes; the second was Edward E. Collins, who fled the country to escape arrest on a charge of gross immorality.

What will probably prove the third expulsion will be that of George Woodgate Hastings, a member of the House of Commons, who was today sentenced to five years' penal servitude on his plea of guilty to the charge of misappropriating the sum of £20,000.

Mr. Hastings, who is a Liberal Unionist in politics, has represented the East Division of Worcestershire since April, 1890. He is sixty-six years old.

His shortcoming was in his trusteeship under the will of John Brown, deceased.

Salisbury Upheld as a Firm Champion of British Rights. By Associated Press. LONDON, March 11.—The Standard, commenting on the Behring Sea question, says: "We cannot help thinking that President Harrison is treating overmuch on our past amiability. The Wharton message completely misrepresents the attitude and argument of Lord Salisbury, besides begging the whole question in dispute."

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It was M. Beaupaire who prosecuted Gen. Boulanger, M. Rochefort and Count Dillon some time ago after their flight from France to escape arrest.

Cable Provisions. The Oxford University Theatre was partially destroyed by fire at midnight last night.

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"Doing nothing is doing ill."

PITCHER O'BRIEN IS DEAD. HE IS A NOTORIOUS CROOK.

Pneumonia Carries Off the Famous Baseball Twirler. Police Capture One of New York's Most Dangerous Criminals.

By Associated Press. TROY, March 11.—John P. O'Brien, the baseball pitcher, died this morning at West Troy, aged twenty-eight years, after an illness of two weeks from pneumonia.

O'Brien was considered one of the best pitchers in the country. In 1890 he was a member of the Cleveland League team and last year he was a winning pitcher for the Boston Association team. He had signed to play the coming season with the St. Louis League Club.

The Reason Assigned Is That the Track Is Frozen and Lumpy.

GUTTENBURG, March 11.—There will be no racing at the Guttenburg track today. The track is frozen hard and is very lumpy.

The entries for today's postponed races stand:

Wrestler Action Defeated. By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Joe Action, the champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, was defeated last night by Daniel S. McLeod, the latter winning in two straight falls in five and twenty-three minutes. Action weighed 162 pounds and McLeod 170.

Louisville Gets Tom Brown. By Associated Press. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 11.—A telegram from Manager Chapman, of the Louisville ball club, announces that he has signed Tom Brown, of Boston, the outfielder.

To Investigate Jersey's Race Tracks. By Associated Press. TRENTON, March 11.—The concurrent resolution for a committee to investigate the Guttenburg and Gloucester track evils was adopted by the House.

Cardiff and Keogh Matched. By Associated Press. PORTLAND, Ore., March 11.—Peter Cardiff and Billy Keogh have been matched to fight April 10 before the Pastime Athletic Club for a purse of \$1,500.

Two Mayors in Camden. By Associated Press. CAMDEN, N. J., March 11.—There are virtually two mayors of Camden to-day. Mayor Pratt's term does not expire until Council meets this afternoon, and Mayor Harrison is treating overmuch on our past amiability.

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THE TURF.

Jockey Lynch's Case Laid Over for Lack of Evidence.

JAY F. DEE A SULKY HORSE.

P. Lorillard Not a Candidate for the Board of Control.

The third race at Guttenburg yesterday furnished a little sensation, being for the first time called the "Jockey Case," as it was supposed that the track that started Caldwell was desirous of purchasing the horse Jay F. Dee, the property of the Auberline Stable. It was said that Jay F. Dee was a sure winner, and that Mr. Caldwell or an agent of his would bid the horse up in the event of his winning. When the horses went to the post in the third race Jay F. Dee was at odds of 1 to 3.

Mr. Caldwell was a long time getting the horses away, and finally when the flag fell all were in motion and on a line. Suddenly Jay F. Dee dropped his fore legs and came to a standstill. The others went on, and before the sulky brute could be prevented upon to move the others were fifteen lengths away. Needless to say Jay F. Dee did not win.

Immediately after the race Mr. Caldwell went into the judges' stand and charged Jockey G. Lynch with deliberately pulling the horse. Mr. Caldwell said he was so sure of that he would take a good deal of money to stop the horse. Judge Burke differed with Mr. Caldwell, and explained that the horse had done the same thing on several occasions. He believed that the fault laid entirely with the horse. Mr. Caldwell again repeated his charges, and Mr. Burke was forced to lay the matter before the Executive Committee. For lack of evidence the matter was laid over.

There was not a man at the track who, knowing the circumstances, did not secretly smile when Jay F. Dee was left at the post. The owner of the horse, Mr. Auberline, who was at the track, said to a group of friends: "There goes a great horse in my stable. He has won seven out of ten races here. I am told that the horse will be bid up and bought at any price. In other words, my horse will be sold for a great deal of money. Everyone sympathized with him and rejoiced when the horse was left at the post."

It is not generally believed that Lynch pulled the horse. Jay F. Dee was acting queer, and he suited as he has done before. When they began the fifth day of the races this afternoon the odds gave the following records of miles covered by each rider:

Ashinger..... 2 1/2 Reading..... 6 1/2  
Combs..... 2 1/2 Stange..... 6 1/2  
Martin..... 2 1/2 Stange..... 6 1/2  
Lamb..... 2 1/2 Stange..... 6 1/2

Buffalo Near the 300,000 Mark. By Associated Press. BUFFALO, March 11.—Complete returns of the enumeration in Buffalo make the population 278,922, exclusive of the public institutions, which will bring the total up to 281,000.

Racing at Gloucester. By Associated Press. GLOUCESTER, March 11.—To-day's races resulted as follows:

First Race—Six and a half furlongs—Llewellyn won, Birdyard second and Bonnie King third. Time—1:13.

Second Race—Six and a quarter furlongs—Easter won, Garwood second and Santa Rita third. Time—1:24.

Third Race—Three-quarters of a mile—Stronghold won, Prentiss second and Bonny third. Time—2:12.

Fourth Race—Seven-eighths of a mile—Perseus won, Algonquin second and Noddy third. Time—1:58.

The Spirit of the Times, which is the official organ of the Board of Control, and is therefore in a position to speak authoritatively, refers to the future of Mounmouth Park as follows:

Well-informed men believe that racing will be resumed at Mounmouth Park this season. It is believed that the Board of Control will be in a position to speak authoritatively, refers to the future of Mounmouth Park as follows:

Mr. Pierre Lorillard has refused to permit the presentation of his name with a view to his election to fill the vacancy in the Board of Control. He has refused to do so, because he is averse to accepting any position without assuming the duties of the office. It is believed that Mr. Lorillard is impossible for him to serve.

Col. Clark, of the Gardfield Park Club, of Chicago, against whom Mr. Ed. Corrigan waged bitter warfare, summed up the case of the gentleman. He said that Corrigan as a horse owner was in good repute, with no charges against him, and that he was a good gentleman. He said that Corrigan as a horse owner was in good repute, with no charges against him, and that he was a good gentleman.

Efforts are being made to reinstate William McLaughlin, whose ruling off at Lexington two years ago created such a sensation.

Theodore Wilfong, the well-known breeder and trainer, has been elected President of the Nevada State Agricultural Society.

The bill requiring constables to attach their names before the nearest Justice of the Peace became a law yesterday. It was passed through the senate as amended and signed by Gov. Ashcroft.

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